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Dear State of Connecticut Human Services Committee:

I write in support of HB 6616, AN ACT CONCERNING EXPANSION OF HUSKY HEALTH BENEFITS TO THOSE INELIGIBLE DUE TO IMMIGRATION STATUS. An educator at Central Connecticut State University for 20 years, I have seen first-hand how access to health benefits serves everyone in my community. For us all to be healthy, each member of our community needs access to proper healthcare—regardless of status.

Central Connecticut State University is a premier institution of higher learning in our state. It serves students from a variety of ages and backgrounds. We work together, learn together, and advocate together. I worry about my students who struggle with health issues—or are taking care of family members with health issues—and do not have access to proper treatment. It affects every aspect of their day to day lives. A compassionate state legislature will do the right thing and expand Husky Health Benefits to those ineligible due to immigration status.

Thank you for your time and commitment to this important cause. Respectfully submitted,

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